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1. SUMMARY.NAMBASSADOR RAISED KOREAN ISSUA IN UNGA WITH BOTH
PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND FOREIGN MCXISOER SECK IN SEPARATE
DEMARCHES SEPT 24, CARRYING OUT DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS AND
LEAVING AIDES MEMOPRE. SENEGALESE TRACED THEIR SUPPORT FOR
NORTH KOREANS TO SENGHOR'S 1974 QYONGYANG VISIT, BUT UNSISTED
COMMIHMENT DID NOT EXTEND TO BLOCKING SOUTH KOREANS, WITY WHOM
GOS MAINTAINED FRIENDLY RELATIONS.SSECK ACKNOWLEDGED GOS UN
PERMREP EXCEEDED INSTRUCTIONS AND HAS CABGED FOR
EXPLANATION. PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER PLAN TO MEET
SEPT 25 TO REVIEW KOREAN ISSUE FURTHER. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPT
PROVIDE FURTHER BACKGROUND WHICH WE MAY PASS TO GGS ON
DEPLOYMENT OF SOVIET AND PRC TROOPS ALONG NORTH KOREAN
BORDERS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON RECOMMENDATION OF FOREIGN MINISTER CABINET DIRECLOR
SYLLA, AMBASSADOR TOOK ADVANTAGE OF CALL ON PRESIDENT SEPT
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24 TO PRESENT NEW CAO (PRESIDENTIAL ENGLISH TEACHEC)NAND

RAISE QUESTION OF SENEGALESE PERFORMANCE IN GENERAL COMMITTEE
ON KOREAN QUESTION WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR. AMBASSADOR
MADE POINTS AS INSTRUCTED REFTELS A AND B, UNDERSCORING
IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO KOREAN ISSUE AND INDICATING BOTH OUR
DISAPPOINTMENT WITH SENEGAL'S TACTICS DURING RECENT GENERAL
COMMITTEE SESSION AND OUR DESIRE THAT SECRETARY'S PROPOSITIONS
IN SEPTN22 ADDRESS BE STUDIED CAREFULLY AND SYMPATHETICALLY
BY GOS.

3. PRESIDENT SENGHOR REPLIED THAT HE KNEW KOREAN QUESTION WAS
IMPORTANT MATTER FOR US AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT, AS HE HAD SAID
IN PAST GW HE HAD SLIGHT BIAS TOWARD NORTH KOREAN REGIME WHICH
GREW OUT OF HIS 1974 PYONGYANG VISIT. THEREFORE, SENEGAL TENDED
TO SUPPORT NORTH KOREA BUT, HE SAID, DID NOT INTEND TO BE
AGAINST SOUTH KOREA. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT RECORD OF GOS
PERMREP'S PERFORMANCE IN NEW YORK DID NOT COINCIDE WITH THIS
RATIONALE. IN GENERAL COMMITTEE PERMREP HAD GONE BEYOND SUPPORT
FOR NORTH KOREA TO POSITION OF BLOCKING EFFORTS FOR EQUAL
CONSIDERATION OF ROK PROPOSALS (DETAILED RECORD OF GOS TACTICS
IN GENERAL COMMITTEE CONTAINED REFTELS AND AND C WAS
PROVIDED TO PRESIDENT IN AIDE MEMOIRE.) SENGHOR SAID HE WOULD
BE MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SECK ON SEPT 25 AND THEY WOULD
DISCUSS MATTER THOROUGHLY IN HOPE OF FINDING POSITION WHICH
WOULD ALLOW THEM TO KEEP COMMITMENT TO NORTH KOREA WITHOUT
BEING HARMFUL TO SOUTH KOREA. AMBASSADOR STRESSED US DESIRE
TO FIND SOLUTION TAKING INTO ACCOUNT LEGITIMATE INTERESTS
OF BOTH KOREAS AND ASSURE PEACE ON PENINSULA. IN CONCLUSION*
AMBASSADOR REITERATED IMPORTANCE PDG ATTACHED TO THIS
QUESTION AND TO DELIBERATIONS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN UN AND
AGAIN REQUESTED CAREFUL AND SYMPATHETIC ATTENTION BY GOS.

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4. ACCOMPANIED BY INSPECTOR GENERAL SCHAUFEELE, AMBASSADOR ALSO CALLED ON FONMIN SECK AS SCHEDULED ON SEPT 24 (DAKAR 5409), AND MADE SECOND DEMARCHE BASED ON REFTELS A AND B, ALSO LEAVING AIDE MEMOIRE. AMBASSADOR INDICATED HE HAD JUST TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF CALL ON PRESIDENT SENGHOR TO MAKE SAME POINTS WITH HIM. SECK SAID HE WAS AWARE THERE WAS UNHAPPINESS WITH SENEGAL'S PERFORMANCE ON KOREAN QUESTION AND HE HAD EXPECTED IT TO BE TOPIC WE WOULD BRING UP. SECK INDICATED HE WISHED TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND ON SENEGAL'S KOREAN POLICY. PRESIDENT SENGHOR, HE SAID, HAD ACCEPTED KIM IL SUNG'S INVITATION TO VISIT NORTH KOREA IN 1974, AND HAD RETURNED HIGHLY IMPRESSED BY THAT COUNTRY'S DISCIPLINE, EFFICIENCY AND INDEPENDENCE. DURING VISIT NORTH KOREANS HAD PRESENTED FIVE-POINT PROPOSED SOLUTION TO KOREAN REUNIFICATION PROBLEM. CONSIDERING PROPOSAL LOGICAL AND PRACTICAL, SENEGAL HAD TAKEN DECISION TO SUPPORT NORTH KOREA. IN LINE WITH THIS DECISION, GOS HAD SUPPORTED NORTH KOREA'S ENTRANCE INTO NON-ALIGNED GROUP AT RECENT LIMA CONFERENCE AND, AS IN 1974, IT HAD AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR NORTH KOREAN UNGA RESOLUTION.

5. FOREIGN MINISTER SECK SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH GOS KOREAN POLICY HAD SLIGHT NORTH KOREAN BIAS, SENEGAL WISHED, AS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CASE OF OTHER DIVIDED COUNTRIES, TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH BOTH REGIMES. WHILE SENEGAL COULD ONLY ACT AS CO-SPONSOR OF NORTH KOREAN PROPOSAL, IT DID NOT INTEND TO BLOCK SOUTH KOREA'S ENTRANCE INTO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. SECK SAID THAT KOREAN QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR PRIOR TO RECENT GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD INSTRUCTED GOS UNGA DELEGATION TO SUPPORT NORTH KOREA BUT NOT BE HARMFUL TO SOUTH KOREA. AMBASSADOR INTERJECTED THAT RECORD SHOWED SENEGALESE ACTS HAD GONE FAR BEYOND SUCH INSTRUCTIONS TO POINT OF VERY ACTIVELY BLOCKING CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORT BY ROK. HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS TACTIC SEEMED CLEARLY OUT OF LINE

WITH SENEGAL'S POLICY OF CONSULTATION AND CONCILIATION WHICH HAD BEEN SO EFFECTIVE ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

6. AFTER AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE, SECK ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FALL HAD EXCEEDED HIS INSTRUCTIONS, AND SUMMONED CABINET

DIRECTOR YOUSSEPH SYLLA, INSTRUCTING HIM TO SEND CABLE IMMEDIATEWX REQUESTING EXPLANATION FOR ACTIONS DETAILED IN OUR AIDE MEMOIRE. FOREIGN MINISTER DIRECTED THAT REPLY BE REQUESTED IN TIME FOR HIS FPPT 25 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR.

7. AT END OF KOREAN DISCUSSION, FOREIGN MINISTER SECK MADE SPECIAL POINT OF THANKING AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE FOR IQS ASSISTANCE TO SENEGAL IN TIMES OF NEED, ESPECIALLY DURING RECENT SAHEL DROUGHT. SECK DECLARED THAT US AND GOS HAD GOOD RELATIONS AND WERE ABLE FRANKLY TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHERE VIEWS DIVERGED.

8. COMMENT: EMBASSY SEES LITTLE HOPE OF DILUTING PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S BASIC COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT NORTH KOREANS, BUT BELIEVES GOS DECISION TO RESIST TACTICAL EXCESSES ON PYONGYANG'S BEHALF MIGHT BE STRENGTHENED IF WE COULD PROVIDE FURTHER BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION ON PRESENCE OF BOTH LVC AND USSR TROOPS ACROSS COMMON BORDERS WITH NORTH KOREA, AS MENTIONED REFTEL B. SUCH EVIDENCE MIGHT HELP DISABUSE SENEGALESE OF THEIR CONVICTION THAT NORTH KOREANS ARE WHOLLY "NGN-ALIGNED" AND INDEPENDENT. EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED TO PASS ON TO GOS WHATEVER DATA ALONG THESE LINES WE ARE AT LIBERTY TO DISCLOSE. CONFIDENTIAL

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